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TAGS: PFOR KS US

SUBJ: ROK FOREIGN MINISTER MAKES STATEMENT ON DEPARTURE FOR  
U.S.

REF: SEOUL 1447

1. FOREIGN MINISTER PARK TONG CHIN, IN HIS AIRPORT DEPARTURE STATEMENT IN SEOUL FEBRUARY 17 SAID HE WOULD MAKE CLEAR THE ROKG'S STAND ON THE POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS FROM THE ROK WHEN THE QUESTION IS TAKEN UP FOR DISCUSSION WHEN HE MEETS WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE IN WASHINGTON IN MARCH. PAK ALSO SAID THAT THE ROK AND THE U.S. HAVE NOT PLANNED ANY FORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE U.S. TROOPS IN KOREA. HE ADDED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY OF KOREA AND THAT THE QUESTION OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES FROM KOREA HAS NEVER BEEN BROUGHT UP FOR OFFICIAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN SEOUL AND WASHINGTON SINCE PRESIDENT CARTER TOOK OFFICE.

2. MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR PAK SANG YONG

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TOLD EMBOFF THAT FONMIN'S STATEMENT AT KIMPO AIRPORT WAS CAREFULLY WORDED IN ORDER TO AVOID GIVING MISLEADING IMPRESSION OF THE NATURE OF HIS DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON. COMMENT: THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS BEEN DELIBERATELY TRYING TO PLAY DOWN WHAT HE REGARDS AS HARMFUL SPECULATION CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES FROM KOREA, AND HIS AIRPORT STATEMENT WAS APPARENTLY DESIGNED

TO ACCOMPLISH THIS OBJECTIVE.  
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